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## Legion And W.A. Entertain Friends

A large crowd of invited guests attended the night of entertainment put on by the boys and girls of the Gleichen Legion at Meadowbrook Hall last Wednesday evening. They came from Rockyford, Strathmore, Standard, Husar, Cluny, Brooks Arrowwood and Quenstown.

An interesting and hilarious program was run off and judging by the amount of laughter everyone must have had a great time.

It was around midnight before the final event was given. Sapper was then served in the basement after which dancing took place.

The following is a list of the events that were on the program:

Address of welcome.  
Piano solo—Art Hamilton.  
Violin solo—Romaine Senkow.  
Cornet solo—Dorothy Valdes.  
Mortimer—Ladies.  
Solo—Mrs. Schenille.  
Solo—W. Lohrer.  
Flapdoodle, The Gay Nineties—Arrowwood ladies.  
Solo—G. Strom.  
The Trump.  
The Wedding—Auxiliary Ladies.  
Surprise and Treat.  
The Barber—Mrs. Fountain and Mrs. Camp.  
A Legion Meeting—Ladies.  
The Honeybees.  
Health Unit—showing group.  
The Trump.  
The Sleeping Beauty—W. Morrison.  
An Auxiliary Meeting—Legion.

## Canada's Defence Programme

Canada's three-year, five billion dollar defence program is moving ahead on schedule and expected to reach its goal by June, 1954.

This program was launched by Defence Minister Brooke Claxton in 1951 when the outbreak of the Korean war made it clear that Communist imperialism constituted a threat to the liberty and security of the free countries of the world.

The program was drawn up in co-operation with the other countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. It represented what Canada undertook to do as a member of a great team of nations to put itself in a position to fight and to help others fight for freedom.

Now with two of the three years allotted to the program gone the country has the largest peacetime military establishment in its history and many fully equipped Canadian fighting men are on duty at the frontiers of freedom in Europe and the Far East.

In these first two years, Canada has spent on equipment and construction alone more than the Canadian National Railways—the world's largest railway—spent for similar items since incorporation in 1928. That shows the size of the job that has to be done, and done with a minimum of loss and no scandal.

Expenditure in the three armed forces has increased 120 percent, leaping from 47,000 in 1950 to 104,000 in 1953. More than 25,000 Canadians have seen fighting service in Korea and another 15,000 have been with Canada's NATO forces in Europe.

By mid-1954, Canada will have produced or purchased some 2,000 aircraft for the R.C.A.F. and for the air forces of its allies. Another 1,000 will be added in the third year, most of them produced in Canadian factories.

Indications are that the program, originally planned to cost five billion dollars, will run to about \$5.5 billion, and that minimum-epoch costs of the armed forces created under the plan will cost the nation at least \$600,000,000 a year (compared to this year's defence budget of about \$3 billion).

What are the chances of a leveling-off in these expenditures?

Mr. Claxton told the Commons on this point.  
"Our hope," he said, "is that it may be possible to moderate what we are doing. But to change it fundamentally would be a serious indication of weakness. The fact is that the Russians have shown a change of attitude and something which has contributed to that change has been the attitude shown in Korea as the building up of our strength in Europe and at home. That has

been our objective, and the fact that we have had three years without a major war has indicated that the policy has been right."

Like other western allies, Canada will have to extend the three-year defence program beyond next year. But by mid-1954, the program will have reached its initial goal of providing the nation with the ingredients: a sound administrative core for longer wartime forces; generous contributions of men and supplies to UN and NATO forces and stockpiles of supplies.

The government hopes that by the end of the current program, defence expenditures will level off at something less than the current rate. Equipment outlays will be stretched out to keep factories geared to defence production and much of the major construction work will have been completed.

## HERE AND THERE

Rev. A. Oursouff, noted lecturer and author in exile from his native Russia for some years past, is visiting at the University of New York. He will lecture on "Russia Under Communism" in K. C. Hall at Cluny on Sunday, April 26th, at 8 p.m. This is an opportunity to hear a good lecture. Everybody welcome.

Jack Lester, the town engineer, is sporting a new truck these days. The old truck the town had finally refused to go up and down the streets any more no matter who was at the wheel. It was a nice air truck and attracted much attention as it glided down the road with Jack at the helm. But it was old and had gone for many years over its allotted span of life. A new truck was a necessity and the taxpayers realizing that coughed up the necessary dough for a new one. The truck is painted in a beautiful shade of dark green, and on the side doors in nice big letters are the words Town of Gleichen.

Julius Little has returned home improved in health after spending several weeks in the Mexican hospital.

A bank manager, deservedly popular as a lecturer, considers the following as one of the best in his repertoire:

Two lunatics were airing their grievances in the asylum grounds.

Said one—"It's an outrage. I've been here 10 years, and I'm as sane as anybody."

"So am I," chimed the other, "and I have been here for twelve years. Let's go and tell the governor."

"Why wait a minute?" said the first, "I'm going to tell you first."

Then putting his hands behind his back, he said, "What have I got in my hand?"

"A truncheon," promptly answered the second.

"Oh, yes, that," was the heated retort.

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## News Items of Local Interest

George Souter and Leo Woods went to Brooks last weekend to visit some friends.

Nelson Schenille is at present in the Belcher hospital receiving medical treatment.

Leslie Menard woke up Monday morning to find his car missing. In other words it has been stolen.

The old two story brick school built in 1908 is slowly being torn down under the direction of S. Elmer. The bell was taken down several weeks ago by people from Quenstown who bought it. For 44 years it called the children of the town, and district to school and now it is used to call people to dinner.

Mrs. R. W. Brown, mother of Bob, Tom and Campbell Brown, was taken to the General hospital in Calgary last week. She has since been reported as doing very well but expects to be there for several weeks.

Last week R. E. Hinton had a cement mixing gang put in a cement floor in the basement of Central Motors. This place will be used for storage of garage equipment.

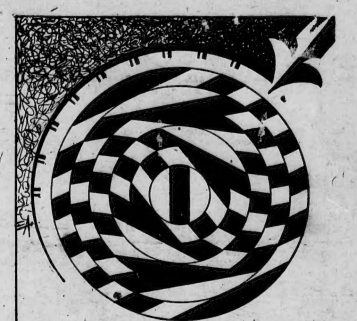
Long term planning is the essence of good farm management. When farm prices fall farmers quit buying goods produced by people whose high hourly wages keep urban prices out of line with farm income. Lay-off result, cutting annual wages.

Wm. Turnbull one of the engineers in the irrigation canal south of the river and a resident of Gleichen

was taken to Belcher hospital. He has since been taken to Edmonton where he will likely undergo an operation on his spine. He was with the RCAF during the last war and had his back broken while in the service. This is causing him considerable pain now.

Wednesday was lease money day for the Indians of the Blackfoot reserve. Every man woman and child was paid \$25. This money is derived from land that is leased to white men. For a couple of days the town was full of Indians and the stores did a roaring business and increased their staffs to handle the rush. The TB mobile clinic was on hand before the Indians received their money each had to be X-rayed. This is done every year. The health of the tribe has improved since this examination became an annual practice, with only a slight proportion reacting adversely to the test. Those who are sent to the Charles Cansell hospital at Edmonton for treatment.

The first showing of the Calgary Power Limited color film, "Power for Progress" was made in the projection room of the legislative buildings, Edmonton. Power company and provincial government officials attending the showing saw a 25 minute film covering the development and utilization of power in Alberta. The application of electricity to the rural areas of Alberta was emphasized. "Power for Progress," which contains much interesting footage to agricultural and industrial development in the province, will be available later for showing at service club and public meetings.



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## Report Gives Wind Erosion As Major Agricultural Problem

REGINA.—Of 50 land use surveys taken in Saskatchewan since 1948, 38 of the municipalities involved reported wind erosion as a major agricultural problem. In an east central municipality, 21 per cent of the farmers had wind erosion problems, one in the southwest this increased to 31 per cent.

The Director of the provincial agriculture department's plant industry branch, R. C. McKenzie, said moderate to severe soil drifting has occurred almost every year in some areas of Saskatchewan. He urged farmers to conduct their field operations in such a manner as to control wind erosion.

Mr. McKenzie stated that with extended cultivated acreage and an apparent reversal to large open fields of summerfallow, one dry, windy year could result in the erosion of thousands of acres.

Each of the various methods of control, the Director added, has a definite and distinct value in the soil conservation program. These methods include ploughless fallow with trash cover, strip farming or a modification of strip farming, cultivation to produce a cloudy soil condition, ploughing or tilling in more cover crops and permanently regressing areas of severe drifting. The planting of field shelterbelts is a long-term method of control which normally shows good results within five years.

Advocated as the best practice is the use of ploughless fallow with trash cover. After combining high, the stubble is worked so that it is anchored in the top two or three inches of soil. Under no circumstances should the stubble be burned off, but left to protect the soil. If the stubble is burned, wind and soil drifting control is made more difficult. On bare land, the number of cultivations needed for weed control will pulverize the soil and start drifting. If the stubble is left and worked in, the soil can safely be cultivated more often.

On trash cover fallow only those operations needed for weed control should be carried out. Disked or blade cultivators cause minimum pulverization and leave the trash on the surface. Such a system can be operated at up to five miles an hour, while the use of disk implements at more than two or three miles an hour results in much greater pulverization and soil drifting. A disadvantage not to work summerfallow too late in the fall. Weeds appearing after the last cultivation will be frozen before reaching maturity.

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These amusing cutting boards and coasters are a necessity in any kitchen. The balls are good handles when used for serving. Also note there is a hole in each for hanging in some handy place. The coasters are big enough to double as hot dish mats. Everything is complete on pattern 217; price is 35 cents.

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Home Workshop Pattern Service, Prairie Publishers Limited, 4438 West Fifth Ave., Vancouver, B.C.

## Your Own Private Hothouse

To all those with a yen for gardening who have felt a desire to experiment with their own private pin-it-houses the model shown in the photo may have some interest and help.

1. The dimensions are 4' x 6' with a height of 4' on the ends from the bottom to the top.
2. The floor may be installed at the desired height so that the operator does his work standing up.
3. The plants are started in flats or flower pots rather than the method used in the usual hot frame.
4. In the model shown, the heat is supplied by four infra-red heat lamps installed along the bottom of the ridge and may be varied according to the heat required.
5. Four window sashes are shown and each is hinged to the ridge. The entire structure can be dismantled easily and stored when not in use.

## CANADA "MODEL FOR THE WORLD"

TORONTO.—Eugene R. Black, president of the 54-member International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, said the way Canadians have developed their country provides a model which the rest of the world might observe to its own benefit.

### GOVERNMENT BUSES

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask.—The Saskatchewan Transportation Company, a Crown corporation established in 1946, now owns 58 buses operating over 36 routes, with a total mileage of 4,376.

## Patterns

IRON-ON DESIGNS IN 3 COLORS

Mr. McKenzie pointed out that this example shows drifting can be controlled on an individual basis, but to obtain greatest success a community-wide effort must be made. Organized action on a community or municipal basis is needed, he added, and should be continued year after year. Agricultural Representatives will provide information on the best combination of control measures to use under existing conditions in a particular district. Further information may be obtained from Experiment Stations and the Plant Industry Branch, Department of Agriculture, Regina.

### NUMBER OF PHONES DOUBLE IN MANITOBA IN SEVEN YEARS

WINNIPEG.—Provincial Treasurer Turner estimated that by the end of the year there will be 275,000 telephones in use in Manitoba, almost double the 1946 total.

Exchange service had been modernized and thousands of telephones had been converted to the dial type. It was estimated 415,000,000 telephone calls were made last year.

**FIGURE IT OUT YOURSELF**—A hundred years ago Bostonians puzzled over this brain-teaser published by the Traveller. Arrange the nine digits and make the sum 100 in a single addition. The answer? Well, look in the 1853 list of the Traveller. If you must, but it's really very simple.

### Do You Know That...

The name Alaska is derived from the Eskimo language and means grant lands.

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## Roads Important To Development Of The Prairies

Roads and road transportation will play an increasingly important role in the development of the vast untapped northern areas of the prairie provinces, according to C. W. Gilchrist, Ottawa, managing director of the Canadian Good Roads Association, who is now on an extended tour of the west, consulting with highway ministers and other officials.

He cited as good examples of roads that would pay for themselves many times over in a comparatively few years, the Mackenzie Highway between Peace River and Great Slave Lake; the 176-mile road from Prince Albert to Lac la Ronge, Saskatchewan, and the new development roads into the mineralized areas of the Precambrian Shield in the northern and eastern areas of Manitoba.

In Mr. Gilchrist's view the federal government should be sharing the cost of more essential new roads for development purposes in the west, as well as contributing to highways which may be vital defence arteries in event of war.

During the post-war years provincial governments have been spending record amounts on modernization and expansion of highway systems, he said, but because of the phenomenal increase in road transport they have not been able to keep pace with requirements.

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## Farming The Safe Way . . .

Statistics indicate that 60 per cent of the fatal accidents on farms are caused from improper use of the tractor. J. L. Thompson of the Swift Current Experimental Station advises accidents can be reduced to a minimum by carefully observing the following safety rules—

1. Do not allow young children to operate a tractor.
2. In hitching, do not stand on the ground between the moving tractor and the implement. Always block up the hitch and use a hook to align tractor drawbar.
3. Let the clutch in slowly when going up a hill, or starting off in high gear.
4. Stop the power take-off when getting off the tractor.
5. Keep the safety shield over the power take-off assembly.
6. Stay on the seat when the tractor is in motion. Stop to adjust levers or employ hydraulic controls.
7. Never allow passengers on the tractor.
8. In high gear, apply both brakes evenly when a quick stop has to be made. Never braking causes tipping at high speed.
9. Never change the hitch point above the axle centre line. Always use the drawbar.
10. On heavy loads engage the clutch slowly or the front end may come up.
11. Wait until the tractor stops before dismounting.
12. Stop the motor before filling the fuel tank; also avoid spilling fuel on the hot motor.
13. Throttle down when turning a corner, applying the brakes, or going over rough ground.
14. Allow a boiling radiator to cool down before removal of the cap for inspection.
15. In changing tires always use the proper blocking to prevent injury.
16. Keep the steering mechanism and tires in good shape, and front wheels aligned on highway travelling.
17. Only countries use a red flag on a high pole to warn motorists.
18. When travelling on highways at night use the proper lighting in front and rear.

Safety pays in time and lives. By observing these simple rules a life may be saved.

## PIGMY ELEPHANT FOUND IN AFRICA

ROME.—An Italian scientific expedition reported from Africa it had shot a pigmy elephant of a hitherto unknown species.

Capt. Antonio Ziccardi, a messenger from Southern Somalia, said the discovery was "one of the rarest animal findings ever made." He said the elephant was more than 100 years old, about six feet high, and weighed only about 450 pounds. The rare find will be brought to Italy, Ziccardi said.

## MOUNTAIN SCENERY

PINCHER CRUISE, Alta.—Warden R. M. Christiansen reported sighting a herd of 50 mountain sheep in Pass Creek valley in Waterton National Park. About half the herd were rams, an unusually large proportion, he said.

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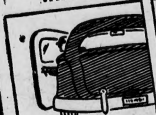




# Are You familiar with City Traffic Laws?

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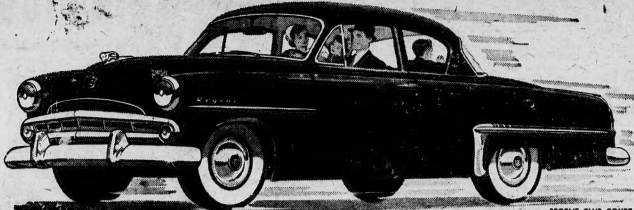


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## ITEMS OF NEWS OF GLEICHEN AND VICINITY

The warm weather the last few days is responsible for the cleaning up of yards that is now in progress. Truck load after truck load of rubbish is to be seen headed for the dump grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilson and family have moved out to A. E. Wilson's farm for the summer.

Ken McPhee is in the Belcher hospital where it is reported he underwent an operation Monday.

Bert Buhr is at present in the Belcher hospital Calgary.

April 30 is the last day in which to file your income tax. So get it done and get the agency over.

Leslie Wilson is busy these days having a basement dug under the residence he recently purchased from S. Hampton. This house is just opposite of St. Victor's Church.

The school grounds are being leveled off and top soil spread about the place. This top soil which was drifted to the depth several feet on the north side of the school is being moved by Cam Evans. The yard will be needed to grass when the work is finished.

Corp. Leslie Hampton, R.C.A.F. of Gimli, Manitoba, has returned to his duties after spending a couple of weeks in town visiting his father Stuart Hampton, manager of the Shiprite Stores here. Leslie is being transferred to an airport in Ontario.

The Arrowwood United Church, in charge of Rev. Wm. Morrison, was dedicated Sunday afternoon. This church was recently built by the residents of Arrowwood and district and is practically all paid for. There was a very large attendance Sunday, people coming from many miles around. Ministers from Arrowwood, Mossleigh, Strathmore, Calgary, Salv-

tion Army Gleichen, and from Edmonton were present all of whom congratulated the members of the church for building such a fine building. The address was delivered by the president of the Alberta College, Edmonton. When the service was over the audience adjourned to the basement where lunch was served.

Language is the basis of all human progress. If man had never learned to talk he would never have learned to think or to know right or wrong. But some men use language as a means of concealing their thoughts, and of some as a substitute for thought.

The canvassing of funds, purported to be in aid of the blind, which is now being carried on in Alberta, is not being conducted by The Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Mr. H. V. Hewlett, executive officer says. He said that numerous inquiries have been received at CNIB's headquarters during the past few weeks. Through Central Alberta and Southern Alberta, the CNIB holds its annual campaign in the fall, and is at present soliciting funds from the public. The Canadian National Institute for the Blind is the only service organization in Alberta which has service centres in operation and which is engaged in extending a broad program of services to all blind people regardless of age, race, color or creed. The Alberta Division which works in close co-operation with the CNIB, at no time appeals directly to the public for funds. All citizens are advised by Mr. Hewlett to inquire fully into what they are being asked to support before contributing to any canvass said to be in aid of the blind, because of what organization is conducting the appeal.

## TOMATOES FOR THE PRAIRIES

The introduction of good quality early fruiting tomato varieties has given the prairie gardener one of the greatest advances in tomato culture in decades. Today most prairie growers can be assured of ripe tomatoes from their own gardens.

Extensive variety trials conducted at the experimental farm show that determinate varieties are most suitable for the prairie garden. These varieties do not require staking or pruning and are less subject to wind damage than the indeterminate ones. So successful have the new determinate varieties been that the staking ones may soon be discarded. The following varietal notes reported are based on fruit from plant set out in the garden on June 10 from seed sown April 17.

**Early Chatham**—One of the first to be accepted it, has been recognized as a standard for the determinate varieties. It matures its first ripe fruit by mid August. The fruit is smooth, of good size and quality but the total ripe yield is low.

**Earlinorth**—Produced in the breeding program of the Lethbridge Experimental Station it has just recently been given a name. This variety is about two weeks earlier than Early Chatham. The fruit is smaller, rougher and not uniform. However, it is very valuable, producing ripe fruit by the first days of August or even before.

**Meteor**—is a product of the breeding program of the Morden Station. It is two to three years earlier than Early Chatham. The fruit is slightly

larger, smoother and fuller, giving desirable extra slices. It has given the second highest ripe yields in the two years it has been under test. Mustang—Another Morden product it is very similar to Meteor. The fruits are slightly larger as also is the total yield of ripe fruit.

The three new varieties Earlinorth, Meteor and Mustang have shown such great promise that we recommend them to every prairie gardener for trial. Even earlier, larger fruited tomato varieties may be expected in future from the breeding programs underway on experimental farms.

Seven Royal Canadian destroyers served in Korean waters during the first two years of the war, three of them completing two full tours of duty.

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